



REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 21, 2004, indicating consideration of the references listed on the form.

The proposed amendments to the Abstract place the Application in better form for issuance. As such, the proposed amendment is merely formal in nature, does not introduce new matter, and does not affect the scope of the claims. Therefore, it is believed that the proposed amendment is permissible under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Accordingly, approval and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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